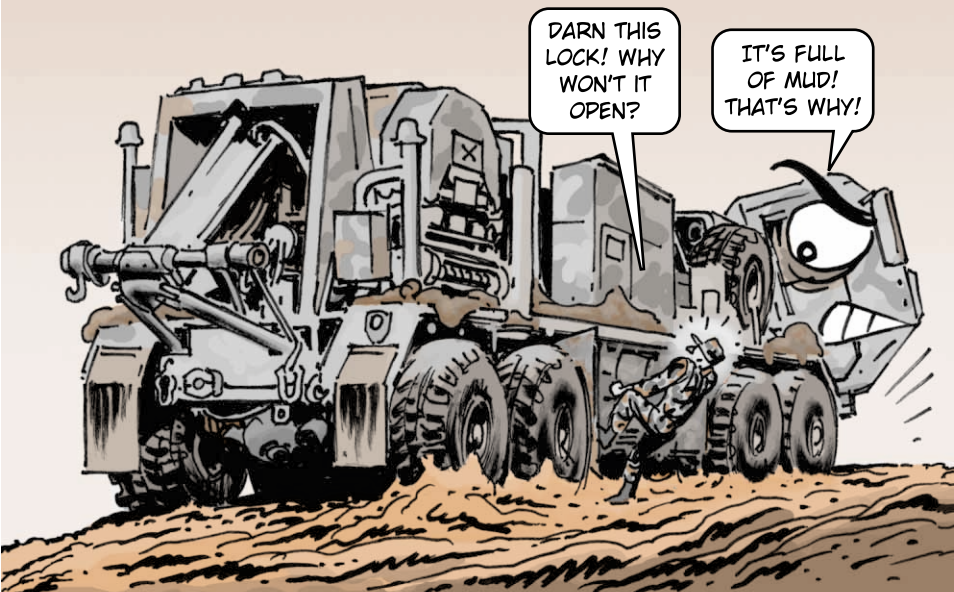


Canvas Covers Keep Locks Like New



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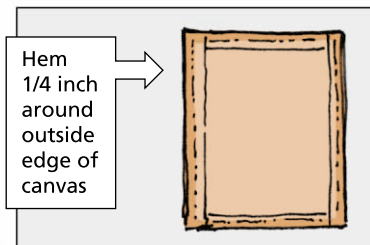
Our wrecker goes through a lot of nasty conditions to recover vehicles. That means a lot of mud and water splashes up on the sides of our truck.

Mud and water often get inside the padlocks that secure the basic issue items (BI) boxes on our vehicle. That corrodes the locking mechanisms and makes it hard to get into the boxes for much-needed equipment.

We've solved this problem by putting homemade covers on the padlocks. Here's how to make 'em:

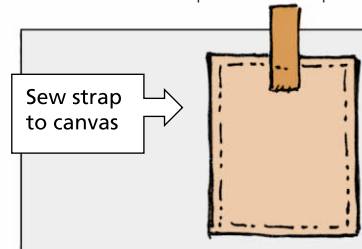
1. Cut out a 4 x 6-in piece of cotton duck canvas. NSN 8305-00-205-2491 brings a 42 x 36-in piece of canvas.

2. Fold over 1/4 inch of each edge of the canvas and stitch it in place to keep the canvas from unraveling.

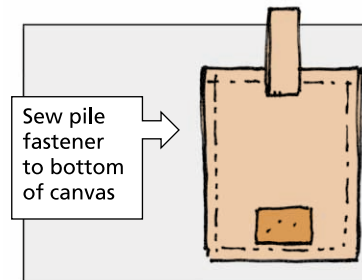


3. Cut off a 3 3/4-in piece of webbing strap, NSN 5340-00-286-6894. Fold over 1/4 inch of each end and stitch it in place to keep the ends of the strap from unraveling.

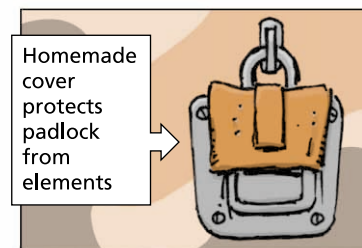
4. Flip the canvas over and sew one end of the strap to the top center of the canvas. Turn the canvas back over and sew a 1-in length of hook fastener, NSN 8315-00-106-5973, to the top of the straps.



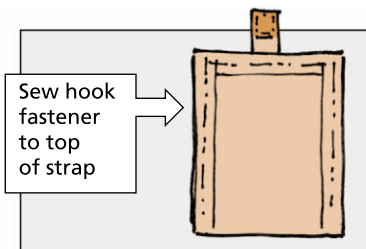
5. Flip over the canvas and sew a 1 x 3/4-in piece of pile fastener, NSN 8115-00-106-5974, to the bottom center.



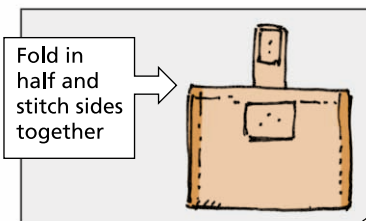
Now, slip the padlock into the pouch. The strap goes through the shackle and attaches to the pile fastener on the cover.



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6. Fold the canvas in half, leaving the pile fastener on the outside, and sew the two sides together. That gives you a pouch that measures approximately 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches.



From the desk of the Editor

Looks like you've got that corrosion problem covered! You might want to give the locks a shot of corrosion preventive compound, NSN 8030-01-418-9008, to provide some extra protection, too.

